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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Cover Division

SUBJECT: Draft Memorandum #4 (without subject identification),
Pertaining to Cover Survey Report

1. The Acting Deputy Director (Administration) has reviewed subject memorandum and advises that certain minor revisions would be necessary before he could give his administrative endorsement to the proposals contained therein.

2. In paragraph 3. the proposal is made that a task force of DD/P and DD/A representatives be established to carry out the pilot operation designed to create a deep-cover, permanent agents' corps. In this connection, this memorandum states that:

"This task force to be empowered to deviate from current regulations and practices whenever necessary to maintain the high standards of security which the program will demand."

In its broadest sense the A-DD/A could not subscribe to such extensive delegation of authority to a task force; in fact, this would require either a special Agency regulation or a delegation from the Director. In practice, the A-DD/A would want to follow the activities of the task force very closely, and take whatever action was necessary to carry out the essential and desirable administrative recommendations of the task force. Accordingly it is suggested that the last sentence of paragraph 3. be revised to indicate that the task force would develop such new operational and administrative techniques, facilities and procedures as are necessary to the deep-cover agent program, and when necessary recommend appropriate revisions in Agency regulations; the adoption of modified administrative practices; and the creation of special support facilities.

3. A second minor revision requested pertains to the statement contained in paragraph 6. that the content of your memorandum has the full endorsement of the A-DD/A. In view of the fact that the referenced and specific proposal is essentially operational matter, the A-DD/A endorsement should be limited to indicate his willingness to provide full and flexible administrative support to any special deep-cover program the DD/P wishes to undertake.

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